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Thanks

.. To those people who have placed orders for dodopuzzles - apologies for not attaching an order form last week for those who needed it ... please find attached to this newsletter. The dodopuzzles make great presents and we make 30% on each sale which will be used to buy library books (or similar).

People of the Week

- .. Hayoon Seo who came first at the Northland Performing Arts competition recently in the Marimba section.
- .. Caden Gunson for getting Most Improved Player for the season playing ripper rugby for JBN Mid Northern ripper team. Well done!
- .. Those children selected by their classes as shining examples of the OBEDIENCE virtue.
- .. Our Mathex teams - Year 5 to Year 8 maths whizzes.
- .. Those children representing their classes in the Talent Showcase auditions. Good luck!

Good Luck

- .. to our school choir .. representing us next week at Forum North

Further on the Science Fair front... Omitted to mention last week that Karmelle Easton ALSO won the Geological Award on top of the Y8 Highly Commended award. Well done Karmelle.

Choir

The Choir Festival will be held at Forum North on the evenings of 10th and 11th September starting at 7.00pm. Choir students must be at Forum North by 6.40pm each evening. The final rehearsal is on Tuesday 10th at Forum North, the bus will leave school at 8.40am. Please make sure your child is at school before this time. Information on ticket sales was sent home last week with choir children but, of course, all families are invited to attend. Tickets cost \$8 and can be purchased from Forum North or their website.

Cell phones at School

Increasing numbers of children are bringing cell phones to school .. usually for quite legitimate reasons. For safety reasons we ask that these are dropped to the school office on arrival and picked up at the end of the day. Children who travel on buses will be asked to pick their phone up after their bus bell goes (i.e. 3:00, 3:25 or 3:50). If parents have important messages for bus children please phone these through to the school office. Thank you.

RESPONSIBILITY Virtue

We are pleased to announce that our virtue for the second half of this term is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Please find support material attached and (you know the score) .. discuss this with your children .. talk about why responsibility is important in your life .. set some targets .. advise us of any special successes.

Thanks for your support. More to follow!

Term Calendar

Please pencil these dates into your calendar. Details and additional dates will follow as these come to hand.

10 September - Choir Festival
16 September - AIMS Games
25 September - Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi
26 September - Talent Showcase
27 September - Final day of term

Obedience Virtue

Congratulations to the following children who have been identified by their classes as shining examples of the obedience virtue. Thanks for being such great role models.

Room 2	Olivia Bradley	
Room 3	Vienna Ringrose	Mila Pivac Hohaia
Room 4	Morgan Curran	Nyree Pol
Room 5	Ephraim Jongkind	Liam Rosemergy
Room 6	Summer Adams	
Room 7	Jacob Pivac	
Room 8	Tahi Ora Tito	Brendan Pol
Room 9	Hannah Curran	Caitlyn Redwood
Room 10	Johnathan Dunn	Megan Elias
Room 11	Magan Andersen	Caleb Vallance
Room 12	Kylie Choi	Tama Lawrence

Northland Cross Country Event (Dargaville - 19.9)

Qualifying children received consents for this event this week **for return by 11 September please.**

Congratulations to all of those children who have won a place in this event. Questions in the build-up to Mrs Sinclair please.

Middle School Cultural Exploration Day

On Friday 13th September the Middle School will be having a day of fun and educational Maori activities as part of our new Social Sciences Unit "Early New Zealand".

One of the activities the students will be participating in is making fried bread. If any parent has any of the following ingredients that they would like to donate please contact your child's teacher or email Jo at jgunson@matarau.school.nz. Thank you

Standard white flour

Baking Powder

Sugar

Salt

Cooking Oil

Electric Fry Pan (which will be returned clean)

Maori Liaison Person

Maori families are reminded that Toni Pivac is the school's Maori Liaison Person. Should you wish to communicate with the school or Board on any matter Toni is more than happy to be contacted if she can be of assistance. Toni can be contacted on 4335116 or 0211737221.

Talent Showcase

Don't forget to pencil in the evening of 26.9 (7:00 PM) ... these evenings are loads of fun. Please help by ensuring participants bring what they need to school for their auditions. Any questions give Kevin a call.

Home Garden Programme

Forms calling for expressions of interest in the Home Garden Programme were sent home this week and are due back at school by the end of next week please. Questions to Kevin please.

The Mobile Ear Clinic

.. will be stationed outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Tuesday 10 September. Appointments not necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Canteen - Bandana Challenge

We support only a select number of charities each year ... usually those connected with children. Within a couple of weeks we will be selling bandanas (as we do around this time each year) to support teenagers with cancer. These come in a variety of colours and children enjoy adding to their collection. We have designated 24 September as Bandana Day with children invited to wear their bandanas at school on this day. You should feel under no pressure to purchase but this is a very worthwhile cause. Children are welcome to wear bandanas purchased in earlier years on Bandana Day. Watch this space.

Periods of Anticipated Absence

The Ministry of Education prefers that family holidays are taken during term breaks ... but we realise that this is not always possible. If you are planning a period of absence for your children during school term time, please email Kevin with a request for an *Exemption from School* stating the purpose and dates. We look sympathetically on most of these and you will usually get a response within two days.

Term Contributions and Activity Fees

If you opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees or have unpaid fees you will have received a payment request this week. Please forward payment at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

High School Enrolments

Correct placement at year 9 can be crucial to later success. Parents with questions relating to high school enrolments (any high school) are welcome to contact Mr D on sdelemare@matarau.school.nz. ... As part of the service we offer to our year 8's Mr D will remain interested and involved in this process right through to confirmation of placements. Our goal is always the best possible placement for each child.

KHS Enrolment Day

Kamo High School are having a 2nd enrolment day on 11th September between 11.30am and 6pm. Ring the KHS office on 435 1688 to make an appointment.

Calf Club Day - Thursday 24th October 2013

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2013. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



Please do not bring pregnant animals or newborns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 14th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.

There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website www.calfclub.co.nz or Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day.

This year the cakes will be for sale again, sausage sizzle and stalls with Christmas gifts for sale so remember to bring along cash and support these people as it also helps the school. If anyone would be interested in having a stall on the day please contact Cassandra on 433 5968.



Scholastic Book Club

All orders and payments for Issue #6 are due back to the office at latest by Friday 20th September. Please note - no late orders will be accepted month.

Finally ..

Joke from Miss Williams this week. "What did the children do when the teacher rolled her eyes at them?"
"They rolled them back".

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mountain Bike wanted to borrow – Does anyone have a mountain bike
Max Bruncker could borrow for the Aims Games Multisport event?
Contact Jo on 433 5656 or 027 242 9162.



Orchid Flowers for Sale – Mini cymbidiums 12 Stems box \$20; 6 stems box \$12.
Phone Gary 435 2848.

Firewood for Sale – Totara, \$80 a metre (min 2 metres) delivered. This is fundraising for a hockey
tournament for Northland U13 reps to travel to Rotorua. Please contact Brad Martin on
433 5061 or 0274810450



School Holiday Golf Northland Golf Club will be running several 'Introductory Golf
Days' over the school holidays to give your child a taste of what Golf is all about! When -
Primary Age - 1/10/13 and 03/10/13; Intermediates - 30/09/13 & 02/10/13; Time:
9am - 3:00pm; Cost: \$30 each; Contact Matt Davis 022 105 8750; or email -
matthewdavis_1@hotmail.com

House for Rent - 3 bedroom, Pullin Rd Purua - Sun drenched - Quality rural home in great farming
community. \$200/ week references and bond required. Phone Glen on 0272725494 for further details

Junior Tennis Rally Day Come and "HAVE A GO" on Saturday, September 21-1to 3pm at
Thomas Neale Family Memorial Park in Winger Cres, Kamo; Children 5 to 18
years; Parents bring your racquets too! Be part of fun activities, try out our ball
machines and enjoy some match play. More info Wendy Sykes on 021 437505.



October Holiday Junior Tennis Clinic with Wendy Sykes (Professional Tennis Coach), at
Thomas Neale Family Memorial Park, Kamo on Oct 8, 9, 10 for ages 7-16 years. \$90
each. Beginners/Advanced Beginners – 9am-12pm each day. Intermediate/Advanced –
1pm-4pm. Contact Wendy Sykes 021 437505.

Emailing Notices

We would like to be able to email families from time to time with school notices. It would be a
useful tool with class or school-wide updates, or for fundraising events. Please confirm the email
address you would like to receive school emails to below or tick the optout box.

Eldest Child's name at Matarau School: _____ Room _____

Email Address: _____

- ☐ Please add us to the Matarau School email database
- ☐ I do not wish to receive school updates by email